Plight of stranded pilgrims

†1941. SHRI ANIL SHARMA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the news-item which appeared in "Punjab Kesri" dated the 22nd June, 2000 under the caption "20,000 Tirrath Yatri Fanse;"

(b) whether all of them have been shifted to safer places and they have been provided with the essential commodities through helicopters;

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the reasons for not forwarding these pilgrims by the Meteorological Department in this regard; and

(e) what measures have been taken by Government to avert recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.